SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Licensing Committee

Date: Friday, 3rd March, 2017 Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present:Councillor D McGlone (Chair)
Councillors R Hadley (Vice-Chair), B Ayling, M Borton, T Callaghan,
N Folkard, S Habermel, D Jarvis, D Kenyon, C Mulroney, G Phillips,
J Ware-Lane, *C Walker and *A Jones

*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: R Harris, P Tremayne and A Penn

Start/End Time: 10.00 - 10.40 am

831 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Buckley (substitute: Cllr Walker), McDonald (substitute: Cllr Jones) and Butler (no substitute).

832 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Callaghan – Application to be Recognised as a Taxi Drivers' Association – Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interest – member of the SLTDA and is a taxi driver in the borough (withdrew);

833 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 24th January 2017

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 24th January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

834 Application to be Recognised as a Taxi Drivers' Association

The Committee considered a report of the Interim Director for Public Protection which invited members to consider an application from the AC Drivers Association (ACDA) to be recognised as a taxi drivers association by the local authority for the purposes of consultation, where appropriate and representation on behalf of licenced Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers, together with other representatives of the trade who have been similarly recognised.

The Committee asked a number of questions which were responded to by officers and the Chairman of the AC Drivers' Association (ACDA).

Resolved:

1. That the AC Drivers' Association, where appropriate, be recognised for the purpose of seeking their views by consultation and representation in relation to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing matters.

2. That the recognition shall be limited to the same extent as that currently enjoyed by other similar organisations representing the trade, namely (at the current time) the Southend Licensed Taxi Drivers Association, the Southend Private Hire Association, the GMB Union and the Thames Axis Group of the Unite Union (formerly Transport and General Workers Union).

Chairman: